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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Monotoro et al (US 5,311,032 A).

Regarding claim 1, Monotoro disclose a storage phosphor reader (10), comprising: a receiving station (20) adapted to receive a cassette (22) containing a removable storage phosphor (24); a path along which the storage phosphor (24) is transportable in a first and second direction when removed from and returned to the cassette (22), the receiving station being disposed at one end of the path; and an access area disposed at the other end of the path wherein the access area can be exposed to ambient light as the storage phosphor (24) is transported along the path (col. 3, lines 45-68 col. 4, lines 1-23 and lines 65-68 and col. 5, lines 1-8 and line 66-68 and col. 6, lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 2, Monotoro disclose a storage phosphor reader (10), comprising: a receiving station (20) adapted to receive a cassette (22) containing a removable storage phosphor (24); a path along which the storage phosphor (24) is transportable in a first and second direction when removed from and returned to the cassette (22), the receiving station being disposed at one end of the path; and an

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access area disposed at the other end of the path wherein the access area can be exposed to light as the storage phosphor (24) is transported along the path; and a cover disposed in the access area (col. 3, lines 45-68 col. 4, lines 1-23 and lines 65-68 and col. 5, lines 1-8 and line 66-68 and col. 6, lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 3, Monotoro disclose a storage phosphor reader (10), comprising: a receiving station (20) adapted to receive a cassette (22) containing a removable storage phosphor (24); a path along which the storage phosphor (24) is transportable in a first and second direction when removed from and returned to the cassette (22), the receiving station being disposed at one end of the path; and an access area disposed at the other end of the path wherein the access area can be exposed to ambient light as the storage phosphor (24) is transported along the path; and a cover disposed in the access area (col. 3, lines 45-68 col. 4, lines 1-23 and lines 65-68 and col. 5, lines 1-8 and line 66-68 and col. 6, lines 1-6).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faye Polyzos whose telephone number is 571-272-2447. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

5. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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